



## Prevention is better than cure for emerging infectious diseases

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### Abstract:

Emerging infectious diseases have the potential to cause considerable morbidity, mortality, and economic damage. David Heymann and Osman Dar explain why we need to shift the emphasis from responding to emerging infections once they are detected to preventing them from occurring in the first place and describe one initiative that is working to achieve this.

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### Resource Description

#### Communication: ☒

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

A focus of content

#### Communication Audience: ☒

audience to whom the resource is directed

Policymaker

#### Exposure : ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes

#### Geographic Feature: ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

#### Geographic Location: ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

#### Health Impact: ☒

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specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Infectious Disease

**Infectious Disease:** General Infectious Disease

**Intervention:** 

strategy to prepare for or reduce the impact of climate change on health

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**Mitigation/Adaptation:** 

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Adaptation

**Resource Type:** 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Review

**Timescale:** 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified